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Shadows formed by Tree roots made profile of Lincoln

TREE ROOTS CAST SHADOW PROFILE OF A. LINCOLN

LAWRENCE, Kan., Sept. 15.—Almost within a stone's throw of the University of Kansas, but probably unknown to the vast majority of students and townspeople, is a curious natural phenomenon. It is an above ground formation of tree roots which, in the light of an arc street lamp, cast a shadow profile of Abraham Lincoln.

The likeness of the "Great Emancipator" is unmistakable. The bushy hair, high forehead, shaggy eyebrows, deep set eyes, prominent nose, thick lips, chin whiskers—all are faithfully reproduced in the shadow picture which is nearly twice life size.

Although the profile has appeared nightly for more than a decade, it has changed scarcely at all.

1922

ABRAHAM LINCOLN TREES.

In the 1923 Arbor and Bird Day Annual an article appeared on the three trees which stood beside a grocery store in which Abraham Lincoln clerked in New Salem. The question about the carving on the Sycamore tree was somewhat in doubt. Since that time the affidavit shown on the opposite page has been secured with the photograph shown on this page.

The first of these three trees to disappear was the Honey Locust, the next, the Elm. The Sycamore, with the profile of Lincoln, stood until the year 1918 when a storm swept it to the ground.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN TREES.

I hereby certify that the above is a picture of the Lincoln profile carved upon the Sycamore tree, which, together with an Elm and a Honey Locust, grew on the side of the site of the store at New Salem in which Lincoln as a young man clerked The exact date on which it was taken I cannot definitely give but can state that my best recollection fixes the time in the late summer of 1897, when, as a member of a party composed in part of Mr and Mrs. R Y Kincaid of Athens, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. H. F Stone, now of Pasadena, California, I visited New Salem and made the negative.

I am definitely informed that the picture was carved by a local artist, Frank Phillips, who was accustomed to carving mementoes of Lincoln, such as canes of wood salvaged from the Lincoln buildings, and who, from time to time, was said to restore the profile to its original form as the growth of the tree might require.

David G Carson

H. F. SWIFT NOTARY PUBLIC RIVERSIDE COUNTY

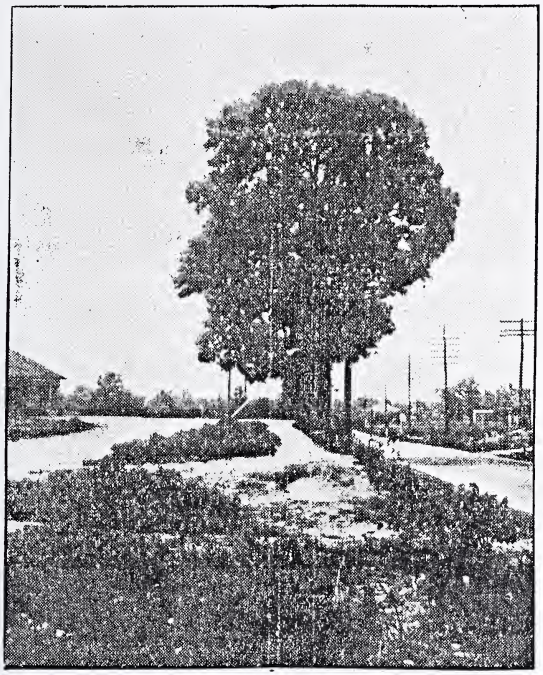
Subscribed and sworn to before me this Sixteenth day of January, A. D., 1924.

H. F. Swift
Notary Public.

Witnesses:

Helen Carson Janssen
R. Y. Kincaid

Lincoln Profile in Tree



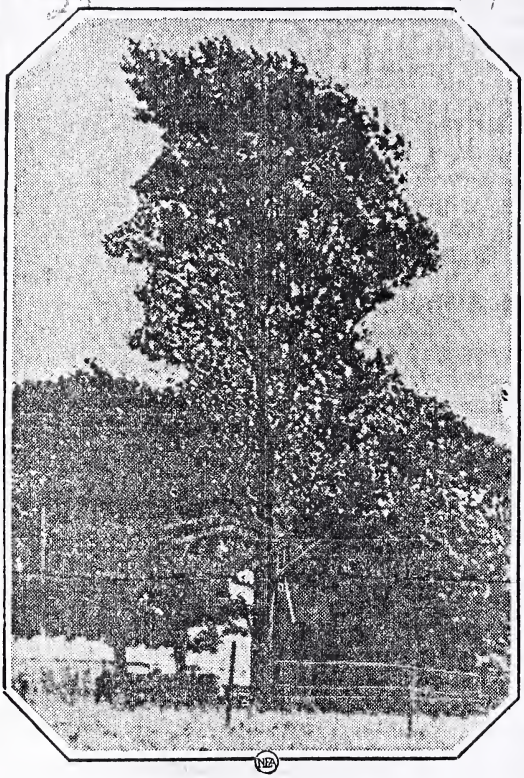
Associated Press Photo

A huge tree growing alone one of the streets of Albany, Ga., resembling the profile of Abraham Lincoln. Wor Tel. Jul 30 - 1929

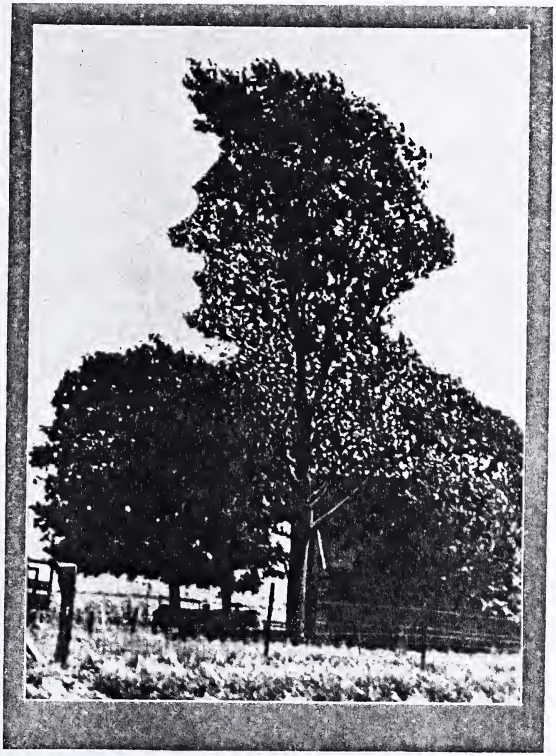
Would Grow Whiskers On Oak Tree at Albany That Looks Like Lincoln

ALBANY, Ga., July 26.—An Albany oak tree greatly resembles the profile of Abraham Lincoln, but Miss Hattie Hardy, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, wants someone to tell her how to grow whiskers on the tree to make it look like Robert E. Lee, in order to carry out the suggestion of a St. Louis man.

TREES FORM LINCOLN PROFILE



A new form of Lincoln Memorial has been formed by three trees near the home of Ernest Heyn, six miles from Bloomington, Ill. The trees, shown above, form an excellent profile of the Civil war president. McLean County, where the trees are located is rich in Lincoln lore.



—W. E. Richardson

NATURE PAYS HOMAGE TO LINCOLN

In McLean county, Illinois, replete with Lincoln lore, this gigantic bust of the Emancipator was created by nature—not by men with pruning knives. Three trees around a corncrib opposite the home of Ernest Heyn on state highway No. 39 six miles southeast of Bloomington, Illinois, form the figure which looks north.

1932

Carving on Tree Recalls Lincoln

Uniontown, Pa., July 6.-(INS)-"1860 Nov. 9. — Lincoln is elected—Great God." This strange etching, carved deeply in the bark of a white beech tree and expanded four times its original size by three quarters century of growth, was found recently south of here by Vincent Robbins Jr., as he and his parents gathered flower-bed soil.

Lexington, Ky., May 17, 1942.

My Bear Warren:

I am enclosing herewith Kodak Photograph of an unusual developement growth on side of a tree standing in the Court House Yard at Richmond, Ky.

This view is looking South by South West. It was made during the past winter and I have only today been able to secure a copy.

Could not develope whether the growth had been cut or touched up or not, but the Photo is a remarkable one and of course, a few years will cause growth to change.

Hope you are enjoying good health, which is about all the "Slant eyed" gentry have left us.

Sincerely yours,

C R Staples

C.R.Staples,
646 Central Ave,
Lexington, Ky.

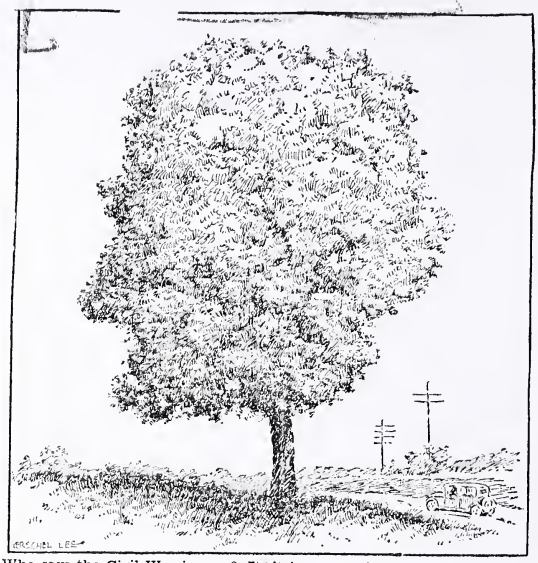
OAK TREE FORMING PROFILE OF LINCOLN

One of the most unique profiles of Lincoln is an oak tree near Albany, Georgia. The natural growth of this oak has made a distinct profile of Lincoln when viewed from a certain direction. It is situated on the Dixie Highway near the Radium Springs Club.

MAJOR LINCOLN MEMORIALS

Profile of Lincoln formed by tree

A ERN TREE PICTURES LINCOLN.



Who says the Civil War is over? It may be, but by their own admission, there are plenty of "unreconstructed" rebels in the South and they are all engaged in giving advice to Miss Hattie Hardy, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Albany, Ga., on how to grow whiskers on an oak tree, the profile of which is said to resemble Abraham Lincoln, so that it will appear more like Robert E. Lee. Growing Spanish moss is the favorite method recommended. Mail is pouring in from many parts of the country with suggestions. One man wrote it is no use, that by growing moss as whiskers, a closer resemblance to Lincoln may be gained, but you can't make a tree, or anything else that looks like Lincoln, look like Robert E. Lee. And one person from Arkansas became so interested in the town that he got more information concerning it and now is completely sold on it.

The Lincoln oak grows on the east side of the Dixie highway two miles south of Albany. It is seventy feet high and about 70 years old. The resemblance was discovered about a year ago and it has never been trimmed, so is in a natural state.

THE LIVING LINCOLN.
A GIANT WATER-OAK-without aid.-
GREW INTO A LIKENESS OF LINCOLN
Albany, Ga.

Trees at Night

DRAWN BY ART YOUNG

THE OAK